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TO THE WHITE HOUSE EYES ONLY FOR DR. KISSINGER  
 I HAD VERY GOOD MEETING WITH PRESIDENT POMPIDOU THIS AFTERNOON  
 AND PASSED ALONG TO HIM THE VIEWS AS EXPRESSED IN YOUR TELEGRAM  
 NO. 2108 5. HE LISTENED TO THE POINTS OF THE TELEGRAM AND SAID  
 HE COULD UNDERSTAND WHY IT WAS A PROBLEM WITH US. HE SAID NO MORE  
 AND I MERELY TOLD HIM THAT IT WAS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT THAT HE  
 UNDERSTAND OUR VIEWPOINT BECAUSE OF OUR STAGE IN THE CHINESE  
 INTERCHANGE.

HE ALSO SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN ALERTED THAT HE WOULD BE RECEIVING  
 A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT ON HIS CHINA VISIT, AND IT HAS NOT YET  
 ARRIVED.

HE REEMPHASIZED HIS STATEMENTS IN HIS PRESS CONFERENCE OF LAST  
 WEEK ON HIS POSITION ON THE DOLLAR. HE SAID OBVIOUSLY TO HIM THE  
 AMERICAN POLICY IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT AND HE UNDERSTOOD OUR  
 PROBLEMS. AT THE SAME TIME HE MENTIONED THAT THE EUROPEAN POLICY  
 IS ALSO IMPORTANT, BUT THE LAST THING HE WANTED TO SEE WAS A DOLLAR  
 WAR.

WE ALSO DISCUSSED BRIEFLY THE NARCOTICS SITUATION, AND I CONGRATULATED  
 HIM IN THE NAME OF THE PRESIDENT FOR THE FINE SEIZURE OF A LAB LAST  
 WEEK IN MARSEILLE. THIS SEIZURE, OF COURSE, HAS BEEN REPORTED  
 THROUGH REGULAR CHANNELS.

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